

01-R-1079

A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEE MORRIS



A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND AND REVOKE THE CITY ATTORNEY'S DIRECTION TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY THAT THE U.S. ATTORNEY NOTIFY AND OBTAIN THE PERMISSION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the legislative powers of the City are vested in the Atlanta City Council; and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta City Council is the governing body of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is common public knowledge that the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia is conducting an on-going criminal investigation into possible corruption in Atlanta City government; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney is requiring the United States Attorney to notify and/or obtain the permission of her and her office before the United States Attorney may talk to and/or interview any city employees, officer or elected official concerning the on-going corruption investigation despite the fact that none of the city employees, officers and elected officials sought to be interviewed are targets of the investigation; and

WHEREAS, there are indications that such requirement on the part of the City Attorney has been and still is hindering the on-going investigation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that if there is suspected corruption or wrongdoing in Atlanta City government such that the same has necessitated an investigation by the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, that it ought to be the duty and policy of the City Council as the governing body of the City of Atlanta to assist the United States Attorney in said investigation and to remove any actual or potential impediments to said investigation.

THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** It is hereby resolved by the Council of the City of Atlanta that the City Attorney is hereby instructed to rescind and revoke any requirements that

she or any others acting on her behalf, have imposed on the United States Attorney and/or its investigators to notify and obtain the permission of the City Attorney, or any member of her office before interviewing city employees, officers or elected officials as part of the conduct of its on-going investigation of corruption in Atlanta city government.

**Section 2.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Atlanta that its employees, officers and elected officials shall take all legal and practical steps to assist the United States Attorney in its investigation of corruption in Atlanta City government.

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MAYOR'S ACTION